



Kevin Thomas, investigator with the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, tries to initiate on-scene negotiations with a hostage taker during a role-playing exercise of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Basic Crisis Negotiation Course.

Kaiserslautern Force Protectors Receive FBI Training

Kaiserslautern, Germany—Increasing force protection capabilities in the Rheinland-Pfalz area, U.S. and German police agents, investigators, patrolmen and psychologists in the Kaiserslautern area recently received training from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FBI instructors led a week-long crisis negotiations course for individuals from the Installation Management Command's Kaiserslautern Garrison Provost Marshal's Office, 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron, 435th U.S. Security Forces Squadron, federal and state German Polizei, and Baumholder and Wiesbaden Criminal Investigation Divisions.

The training provided participating law enforcement organizations a basic understanding of behavioral motivation, the principles of successful negotiations and the role of negotiators during a crisis. Students used state-of-the-art negotiating equipment in more than 32 hours of role-playing exercises and discussed the principles of and legal issues associated with crisis negotiations.

"It's very intense and a lot of information in one week," Pierce said. "I (went) home and I (was) mentally exhausted."

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